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For: **INSERTION CATHETER FOR VASCULAR PROSTHESES**

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Sir:

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RESPONSE TO
ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2004 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Election has been required between Species I (Fig. 2), Species II (Fig. 5), Species III (Fig. 6), Species IV (Fig. 10) and Species V (Fig. 11).

Applicants hereby elect **Species I** (Fig. 2) for further prosecution at this time. It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to

consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claim.

Claims 1-9, 13-20, 25-28, 31-35 and 37-47 read on the elected species.

Examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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